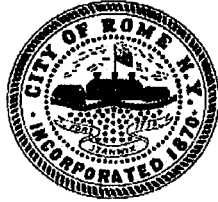


**OFFICE OF THE COMMON COUNCIL  
CITY HALL – ROME, NEW YORK 13440**



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**7<sup>TH</sup> WARD  
Lou DiMarco Jr.**

**John J. Mazzaferro  
President Common Council**

**CITY CLERK  
Louise S. Glasso**

**COMMON COUNCIL MEETING  
REGULAR SESSION**

**JULY 8, 2015  
7:00PM**

**1. CALLING THE ROLL OF MEMBERS BY THE CLERK**

**2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**3. INVOCATION**

**4. GENERAL PUBLIC HEARING**

The time limit for speakers at the general public hearing shall be limited to (5) continuous minutes. The President of the Common Council may extend this time up to an additional five (5) minutes at his discretion; and further extensions must be approved by a majority of the council.

**5. RECOGNITION/APPRECIATION**

**6. READING OF THE MINUTES OF THE PRECEDING SESSION**

(Motion in order that the reading of the minutes of the preceding session be dispensed with and that they be approved.)

**7. PRESENTING OF PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS.**

**A. PETITIONS**

**B. COMMUNICATIONS.**

Mayor Fusco's Travel & Conference report from February through April is on file in the City Clerk's Office.

Police Department's Training Report for the 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter is on file in the City Clerk's Office.

**8. NOTICES**

**9. REPORT OF CITY OFFICIALS**

**10. REPORT OF COUNCILORS AND GENERAL CITY AFFAIRS**

**11. PRESENTING OF REPORT OF COMMITTEES**

**12. RESOLUTIONS**

**RES. NO. 90**

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**AUTHORIZING THE USE OF A DESIGNATED PORTION OF ROME CITY HALL  
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**RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE SUPPORT OF THE COMMON COUNCIL OF  
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**RES. NO. 97**

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**AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF ROME TO SUBMIT A CFA GRANT APPLICATION FOR \$450,000.00 FOR THE RACE STREET GREEN PARKING AND GREEN STORM WATER INFRASTRUCTURE RECONSTRUCTION. DiBari**

**RES. NO. 98**

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**RES. NO. 99**

**Q**

**AN ORDINANCE FREEZING THE COMPENSATION OF THE MAYOR AT 2014 LEVELS FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2015. Mayor Fusco**

**RES. NO. 100**

**R**

**AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO SUBMIT THE 2015 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG) ANNUAL ACTION PLAN TO THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT FOR REVIEW AND APPROVAL. DiBari**

**RES. NO. 101**

**P**

**AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF ROME TO SUBMIT A CFA GRANT APPLICATION FOR \$500,000.00 FOR DESIGN AND CONSTRUCTION OF THE PROPOSED INDOOR SPORTS COMPLEX AT JOHN F. KENNEDY CIVIC ARENA IN ROME, NEW YORK DiBari**

**13. ORDINANCES**

**A.**

**%Lacking Unanimous Consent**

**B.**

**Current Legislation**

**ORD. NO. 9015**

**A**

**AUTHORIZING JULY 13, 2015 THROUGH JULY 17, 2015 AS AN AMNESTY PERIOD RELATIVE TO THE LATE FEE NORMALLY CHARGED FOR DOG LICENSING. Glasso**

**ORD. NO. 9016**

**H**

**AUTHORIZING THE CLOSING OF A PORTION OF ACE PLACE FROM BLACK RIVER BOULEVARD ENTRANCE TO BOUCK STREET ON JULY 24, 2015. Rogers**

**ORD. NO. 9017**

**F**

**AUTHORIZING THE CLOSING OF STREETS FOR THE ANNUAL HONOR AMERICA DAYS CELEBRATION ON JULY 25, 2015 Rogers**

**ORD. NO. 9018**

**G**

**AUTHORIZING THE CLOSING OF A PORTION OF WEST DOMINICK STREET & NORTH WASHINGTON STREET ON AUGUST 22, 2015 Mazzaferro**

**ORD. NO. 9019**

**O**

**AUTHORIZING AN AMENDMENT TO ROME ZONING CODE WITH REGARD TO LIMITED WASTEWATER DISCHARGES Tallarino**

**14. LOCAL LAWS**

**15. TABLED LEGISLATION**

**16. VETOED LEGISLATION**

**17. ADJOURNMENT**

**% Ordinances require unanimous consent to be acted upon when first introduced**

**NEXT SCHEDULED COMMON COUNCIL MEETING ~~ July 22, 2015**

COMMON COUNCIL

JULY 8, 2015

RESOLUTION NO. 90

AUTHORIZING THE USE OF A DESIGNATED PORTION OF ROME CITY HALL  
IN CONJUNCTION WITH A RABIES CLINIC TO BE HELD ON JULY 16, 2015

By Councilor \_\_\_\_\_:

WHEREAS, a Rabies Clinic has been scheduled for July 16, 2015, through the Oneida County Department of Health, and the Rome City Clerk's Office has requested that a designated area of Rome City Hall be used for said Clinic during the hours of 6:00 p.m. through 8:00 p.m.; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Common Council of the City of Rome, New York, that a designated area of Rome City Hall, namely, the first floor lobby area, be and is hereby approved for use by the Oneida County Department of Health for a Rabies clinic to be held on July 16, 2015, between the hours of 6:00 p.m. and 8:00 p.m.; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this authorization is contingent upon the County of Oneida providing the City of Rome with a certificate of insurance in the amount of \$1,000,000 per occurrence for bodily injury and death/property damage, or a minimum general aggregate coverage in the amount of \$2,000,000, naming the City of Rome as an additional insured, and indemnifying and holding the City of Rome harmless from any and all liability arising out of the closing of the streets as outlined hereinabove.

Seconded by Councilor \_\_\_\_\_.

AYES & NAYS: Trifeletti \_\_\_\_\_ Mortise \_\_\_\_\_ Rogers \_\_\_\_\_ Smith \_\_\_\_\_ Anderson \_\_\_\_\_  
Nash \_\_\_\_\_ DiMarco \_\_\_\_\_

ADOPTED:

DEFEATED:

RESOLUTION NO. 91

RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE SUPPORT OF THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE  
CITY OF ROME, NEW YORK IN SUPPORT OF AND RELATIVE TO THE CONTINUED  
EFFORT OF THE LAND BANK.

By Councilor \_\_\_\_\_:

WHEREAS, Common Council President, John Mazzaferro, has requested the support of the Common Council of the City of Rome relative to continued effort of the land bank; and

WHEREAS, the City of Rome, New York State Land Bank, Article 16 of the New York Not for Profit Corporation Law, permits local government entities to enter into an intergovernmental agreement to establish a land bank; and

WHEREAS, there is a continuing need to strengthen and revitalize the economy of the State of New York and the City of Rome; and

WHEREAS, it is in the best interest of the State of New York and the City of Rome to help confront the problems caused by vacant, abandoned, and tax delinquent properties through the creation of the land banks in a coordinated manner to foster the development of that property by returning property to productive use in order to strengthen the economy, improve the quality of life, and improve the financial condition of the municipalities; now, therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Common Council of the City of Rome, New York hereby supports, endorses and encourages the formation of a six-county land bank under the direction of the Mohawk Valley Economic Development (MVEDD); and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that copies of this Resolution be forwarded to Senator Joseph Griffo, Assemblyman Anthony Brindisi and County Executive Anthony Picente.

Seconded by Councilor \_\_\_\_\_

AYES & NAYS: Trifeletti \_\_\_\_ Mortise \_\_\_\_ Rogers \_\_\_\_ Smith \_\_\_\_ Anderson \_\_\_\_  
Nash \_\_\_\_ DiMarco \_\_\_\_

ADOPTED:

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COMMON COUNCIL

JULY 8, 2015

RESOLUTION NO. 92

AUTHORIZING DIRECTOR OF COMMUNITY AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT TO  
APPLY AND PARTICIPATE IN THE LEADERSHIP MOHAWK VALLEY CLASS OF 2016

By Councilor\_\_\_\_\_:

BE IT RESOLVED, that pursuant to Section 77-b of the General Municipal Law of the State of New York, Jake DiBari, Director of the City of Rome Department of Community and Economic Development, be and is hereby authorized to apply and participate in the Leadership Mohawk Valley Class of 2016, said class will consist of participants meeting one day per month, for ten months to learn in-depth and hands-on about vital aspects of the regional community. The tuition for this class will be \$2,100.00, pursuant to the attached General Information, which is made part of this Resolution.

Seconded by Councilor \_\_\_\_\_.

AYES & NAYS: Trifeletti \_\_\_\_Mortise\_\_\_\_Rogers\_\_\_\_Smith\_\_\_\_Anderson\_\_\_\_  
Nash \_\_\_\_ DiMarco\_\_\_\_\_

ADOPTED:

DEFEATED:

# Apply

## GENERAL INFORMATION:

An effective gauge of a community's health and well being is the volunteer and civic contributions made by its leaders...those people who serve on boards and commissions, work with community groups, and serve as elected officials. These citizen leaders must be nurtured and provided with tools that enable them to be successful and inspires their commitment to community. The Mohawk Valley's future depends on a sustainable and renewable source for leadership. This is the role and responsibility of Leadership Mohawk Valley.

So what exactly is Leadership Mohawk Valley? For one day a month, participants meet to learn in-depth and hands-on about vital aspects of the regional community. We are a resource from which civic, cultural, philanthropic and other organizations draw their leaders, and from which progressive businesses can identify managers able to utilize regional infrastructures. We are an incubator for community issues awareness, leadership skills and networking.

The program analyzes major areas of community concern, provides opportunities for open dialogue between leaders with diverse perspectives, examines leadership styles, and promotes a network of community trustees committed to the greater good. All programs are planned and delivered by teams of LMV graduates who each bring their expertise to the issues being explored.

A class of up to 40 participants is selected annually. It is composed of an accomplished group of men and women who reflect the diversity of the Mohawk Valley region. LMV is a highly structured 10-month program that follows the schedule of a typical college year. The year begins in August with a one and a half day Orientation/opening retreat. From September through May, participants attend monthly, daylong focused programs designed to give them exposure and perspective in a variety of areas. All sessions are designed to be highly interactive, educational and thought provoking. Participants share their unique experiences and learn from one another. The participants are also teamed with fellow members in smaller project groups to gain practical experience in working together, while delivering valuable project results in the region.

**Tuition is \$2,100** and a limited number of partial scholarships (if available) may be granted to those who qualify for assistance. The deadline for application submission is **Friday, June 26, 2015**. For more information, please contact us at [info@leadershipmohawkvalley.net](mailto:info@leadershipmohawkvalley.net).

## CANDIDATE SELECTION CRITERIA AND PROCESS:

The purpose of the Leadership Mohawk Valley Program is to identify leaders for our communities, broaden their perspectives, and confront the issues at large. Leadership Mohawk Valley "Develops Leaders Dedicated to our Community's Growth and Excellence". Desirable characteristics of leadership candidates include:

- **LEADERSHIP ABILITY:** This may be demonstrated by the position which an individual holds within a business, community or civic organization.

- **COMMITMENT TO PROGRAM:** The candidate and employer must be willing to make the time commitment to attend all program days for the duration of the program. Orientation weekend is mandatory.
- **STABILITY IN COMMUNITY:** It is important that the candidate has a high likelihood of remaining in the community for at least several years.
- **EXEMPLARY CHARACTER:** Candidates should have a positive attitude towards the community and project the type of character desirable in leaders.

A screening committee will review each application and determine the ability of each candidate to meet the criteria outlined. In addition to these characteristics, an attempt will be made to choose candidates from varied backgrounds in terms of geography, industry, and community not-for-profit organizations. While a “quota” system will not be employed, it is believed that a balance in backgrounds will produce a broader representation and improve the program dynamics.

## **APPLICATION POLICIES / PROCEDURE:**

All completed applications must be submitted by the **June 26th, 2015** deadline and either mailed, faxed, or emailed (preferred submission method) to:

**Leadership Mohawk Valley  
100 Seymour Road  
Utica, NY 13502-1311**

COMMON COUNCIL

JULY 8, 2015

RESOLUTION NO. 93

ACCEPTING DONATION PRESENTED TO THE CITY OF ROME FROM THE  
FALLEN STARS MEMORIAL PROJECT, TO BE PLACED ON PERMANENT DISPLAY  
AT ROME CITY HALL

By Councilor \_\_\_\_\_:

WHEREAS, The Fallen Stars Memorial Project Committee, has contacted the City of Rome with a donation of one (1) mural, to be placed on permanent display at Rome City Hall (on the first floor near the tax collection office); and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 25 of the Rome City Charter, the City of Rome Common Council may authorize the acceptance of donations made to the City of Rome on behalf of the City of Rome; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Common Council of the City of Rome, New York, that a donation of one (1) mural, to be placed on permanent display at Rome City Hall (on the first floor near the tax collection office) from The Fallen Stars Memorial Project, shall be gratefully accepted by the City of Rome; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Common Council hereby expresses its appreciation to The Fallen Stars Memorial Project Committee for their donation of one (1) mural, to be placed on permanent display at Rome City Hall (on the first floor near the tax collection office).

Seconded by Councilor \_\_\_\_\_.

AYES & NAYS: Trifeletti \_\_\_\_\_ Mortise \_\_\_\_\_ Rogers \_\_\_\_\_ Smith \_\_\_\_\_ Anderson \_\_\_\_\_  
Nash \_\_\_\_\_ DiMarco \_\_\_\_\_

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RESOLUTION NO. 94

ACCEPTING DONATION PRESENTED TO THE  
CITY OF ROME DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION  
TO BE USED TOWARDS THE PURCHASE OF FLOWERS  
TO BE PLANTED WITHIN THE CITY OF ROME.

By Councilor \_\_\_\_\_:

WHEREAS, CSEA Local 434, has contacted the City of Rome Department of Parks and Recreation with a monetary donation to be used towards the purchase of flowers to be planted within the City of Rome, New York; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 25 of the Rome City Charter, the City of Rome Common Council may authorize the acceptance of donations made to the City of Rome on behalf of the City of Rome; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Common Council of the City of Rome, New York, that a monetary donation of \$125.00 from CSEA Local 434, shall be gratefully accepted by the City of Rome to be used towards the purchase of flowers to be planted within the City of Rome, New York; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Common Council hereby expresses its appreciation to CSEA Local 434, for the monetary donation of \$125.00 to be used towards purchase of flowers to be planted within the City of Rome, New York.

Seconded by Councilor \_\_\_\_\_.

AYES & NAYS: Trifeletti \_\_\_\_ Mortise \_\_\_\_ Rogers \_\_\_\_ Smith \_\_\_\_ Anderson \_\_\_\_  
Nash \_\_\_\_ DiMarco \_\_\_\_

ADOPTED:

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COMMON COUNCIL

JULY 8, 2015

RESOLUTION NO. 95

ACCEPTING DONATION PRESENTED TO THE  
CITY OF ROME DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION  
TO BE USED TOWARDS THE PURCHASE OF FLOWERS  
TO BE PLANTED WITHIN THE CITY OF ROME.

By Councilor \_\_\_\_\_:

WHEREAS, Worthington Industries, Inc., has contacted the City of Rome Department of Parks and Recreation with a monetary donation to be used towards the purchase of flowers to be planted within the City of Rome, New York; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 25 of the Rome City Charter, the City of Rome Common Council may authorize the acceptance of donations made to the City of Rome on behalf of the City of Rome; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Common Council of the City of Rome, New York, that a monetary donation of \$125.00 from Worthington Industries, Inc., shall be gratefully accepted by the City of Rome to be used towards the purchase of flowers to be planted within the City of Rome, New York; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Common Council hereby expresses its appreciation to Worthington Industries, Inc., for the monetary donation of \$125.00 to be used towards purchase of flowers to be planted within the City of Rome, New York.

Seconded by Councilor \_\_\_\_\_.

AYES & NAYS: Trifeletti \_\_\_\_ Mortise \_\_\_\_ Rogers \_\_\_\_ Smith \_\_\_\_ Anderson \_\_\_\_  
Nash \_\_\_\_ DiMarco \_\_\_\_

ADOPTED:

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COMMON COUNCIL

JULY 8, 2014

RESOLUTION NO. 96

AUTHORIZING THE CAPITOL STEPS GREEN INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECT  
CAPITAL ACCOUNT TO BE REVISED TO REFLECT ADDITIONAL GRANT  
REVENUE SOURCES AND EXPENSES

By Councilor \_\_\_\_\_.

BE IT RESOLVED, that the City of Rome be and is hereby authorized to revise the Capital Steps Green Infrastructure Project Capital Account to reflect additional grant revenue, sources and expenses as follows:

Sources

Environmental Facilities Corp – GIGP	\$230,900.00
National Grid	\$112,225.00
CDBG	\$69,140.00
AG Total Contract Services	\$30,250.00
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Total	\$442,515.00

Uses:

Raulli's Iron Works – Design	\$8,500.00
JD Plumley – Preliminary Engineering	\$21,750.00
LP Trucking – Construction	\$412,265.00
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Total	\$442,515.00

Seconded by Councilor \_\_\_\_\_.

AYES & NAYS: Trifeletti \_\_\_\_ Mortise \_\_\_\_ Rogers \_\_\_\_ Smith \_\_\_\_ Anderson \_\_\_\_  
Nash \_\_\_\_ DiMarco \_\_\_\_

ADOPTED:

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COMMON COUNCIL

JULY 8, 2015

RESOLUTION NO. 97

AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF ROME TO SUBMIT A CFA  
GRANT APPLICATION FOR \$450,000.00 FOR THE RACE STREET GREEN  
PARKING AND GREEN STORM WATER INFRASTRUCTURE  
RECONSTRUCTION

By Councilor \_\_\_\_\_.

WHEREAS, the City of Rome is hereby authorized and directed to file an application on behalf of the City of Rome in an amount not to exceed \$450,000.00 to New York State Environmental Facilities Corp., for the Race Street Green Parking and Green Storm Water Infrastructure Reconstruction, pursuant to the description which is made part of this Resolution; and

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Common Council of the City of Rome, New York, that the Mayor of Rome and his designees are authorized to execute a CFA grant application to the Environmental Facilities Corp., and any and all other contracts, documents and instruments necessary to fulfill the City of Rome's obligation under said Grant Application.

Seconded by Councilor \_\_\_\_\_.

AYES & NAYS: Trifeletti \_\_\_\_ Mortise \_\_\_\_ Rogers \_\_\_\_ Smith \_\_\_\_ Anderson \_\_\_\_  
Nash \_\_\_\_ DiMarco \_\_\_\_

ADOPTED:

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## **Environmental Facilities Corp. - Green Innovation Grant Program**

**Funding Available: \$14.85 million**

### **DESCRIPTION:**

The Green Innovation Grant Program (GIGP) provides grants on a competitive basis to projects that improve water quality and demonstrate green stormwater infrastructure in New York. GIGP is administered by the New York State Environmental Facilities Corporation (EFC) through the Clean Water State Revolving Fund (CWSRF) and is funded through a grant from the United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

Green infrastructure practices treat rainwater as a valuable resource to be harvested and used on site, or filtered and allowed to soak back into the ground, recharging our aquifers, rivers and streams. The plants used in green infrastructure help to cool our surroundings and improve air quality through the process of evapotranspiration. These green practices can also help beautify our streets and neighborhoods, improve property values, revitalize downtowns and improve the overall quality of our lives.

Projects selected for funding go beyond providing a greener solution, they maximize opportunities to leverage the multiple benefits of green infrastructure, which include restoring habitat, protecting against flooding, providing cleaner air, and spurring economic development and community revitalization. At a time when so much of our infrastructure is in need of replacement or repair and communities are struggling to meet competing needs, we need resilient and affordable solutions like green infrastructure that can meet many objectives at once.

The amount of funding available for Round 7 of GIGP (GIGP 7) is \$14.85 million. EFC seeks highly visible demonstration projects which:

- Create and maintain green, wet-weather infrastructure
- Spur innovation in the field of stormwater management
- Build capacity locally and beyond, to construct and maintain green infrastructure
- Facilitate the transfer of new technologies and practices to other areas of the State

GIGP 7 applicants are strongly encouraged to work with their Regional Council to align their project with regional goals and priorities. EFC reserves the right to fund all, or a portion of, an eligible proposed project. Funding will be provided to selected projects to the extent that funds are available.

### **ELIGIBLE TYPES OF APPLICANTS:**

- Municipalities
- State Agencies
- Public Benefit Corporations
- Public Authorities
- Not-for-profit Corporations
- For-profit Corporations
- Individuals
- Firms
- Partnerships
- Associations
- Soil and Water Conservation Districts

Eligible applicants may submit more than one grant application, however, EFC reserves the right to limit GIGP 7 funding to one grant award per applicant.

COMMON COUNCIL

JULY 8, 2015

RESOLUTION NO. 98

AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF ROME TO SUBMIT A CFA  
GRANT APPLICATION FOR \$6,000,000.00 FOR THE ANAEROBIC DIGESTER  
UPGRADE AT THE CITY'S WASTE-WATER TREATMENT FACILITY

By Councilor \_\_\_\_\_.

WHEREAS, the City of Rome is hereby authorized and directed to file an application on behalf of the City of Rome in an amount not to exceed \$6,000,000.00 to Empire State Development, for the anaerobic digester upgrade at the City's waste-water treatment facility, pursuant to the description which is made part of this Resolution; and

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Common Council of the City of Rome, New York, that the Mayor of Rome and his designees are authorized to execute a CFA grant application to the Empire State Development, for the anaerobic digester upgrade at the City's waste-water treatment facility, and any and all other contracts, documents and instruments necessary to fulfill the City of Rome's obligation under said Grant Application.

Seconded by Councilor \_\_\_\_\_.

AYES & NAYS: Trifeletti \_\_\_\_\_ Mortise \_\_\_\_\_ Rogers \_\_\_\_\_ Smith \_\_\_\_\_ Anderson \_\_\_\_\_  
Nash \_\_\_\_\_ DiMarco \_\_\_\_\_

ADOPTED:

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# **Direct Assistance to Businesses and Other Organizations**

## **Empire State Development Grant Funds**

**Funding Available: Up to \$150 million**

### **DESCRIPTION:**

ESD has \$150 million of capital grant funding from the Regional Council Capital Fund available for the State's Regional Economic Development Council Initiative, which helps drive regional and local economic development across New York State in cooperation with ten Regional Economic Development Councils ("Regional Councils").

Capital grant funding is available for capital-based economic development projects intended to create or retain jobs; prevent, reduce or eliminate unemployment and underemployment; and/or increase business or economic activity in a community or Region.

Grant funding will be allocated among the ten regions, each represented by a Regional Council, based on each Regional Council's development and implementation of a five-year strategic plan that sets out a comprehensive vision for economic development and specific strategies to implement that vision. Funding will be allocated to projects, including priority projects identified by the Regional Councils, identified as significant, regionally supported and capable of stimulating economic investment.

In addition, special consideration shall be given to projects supporting Regional Economic Development Council Opportunity Agenda priorities, Global NY projects, Veterans' Related Projects and projects identified in the NY Rising Community Reconstruction Program recovery plans.

Funding will be awarded by the New York State Urban Development Corporation (d/b/a Empire State Development) at its discretion.

### **ELIGIBLE TYPES OF APPLICANTS:**

Eligible Applicants include but are not limited to: for-profit businesses, not-for-profit corporations\*, business improvement districts, local development corporations, public benefit corporations (including industrial development agencies), economic development organizations, research and academic institutions, incubators, technology parks, municipalities, counties, regional planning councils, tourist attractions and community facilities.

\* If awarded funding, prior to ESD Directors' approval and execution of a contract with ESD, a not-for-profit corporation must be registered and up-to-date with filings with the New York State Office of the Attorney General's Charities Bureau and the New York State Office of the State Comptroller's VendRep System and must be prequalified in the New York State Grants Gateway.

### **ELIGIBLE ACTIVITIES / PROGRAM BENEFIT REQUIREMENTS:**

Applicants applying for ESD Grant Funds should clearly describe the scope and budget for the "project" for which funds are being requested. For example, an Applicant may be planning a larger project that would include multiple phases, such as in the case of a major infrastructure project or redevelopment of a specific geographic area. However, the "project" for which funds are being requested via the CFA might consist of only one phase of the larger project. In such situations, the request for ESD Grant funds should be specific to the phase, NOT the overall multi-phase project.

## **Assistance generally falls into three categories:**

### **1. Business Investment:**

Business investments are capital expenditures that facilitate an employer's ability to create new jobs in New York State or to retain jobs that are otherwise in jeopardy. Five-year job commitments will be required of all award recipients because it is by underwriting these job commitments that ESD is best able to forecast the economic benefits of providing assistance to any particular project. Applicants will therefore be required to commit to the number of jobs at risk (of relocation or loss) that will be retained by the proposed project, the number of net new full-time jobs that will be created by the project, and the average salaries of each. Failure to achieve or maintain these employment commitments will subject a funding recipient to potential recapture of assistance.

### **2. Infrastructure Investment:**

Funds may be used to finance infrastructure investments in order to attract new businesses and expand existing businesses, thereby fostering further investment. Infrastructure investments are capital expenditures for infrastructure including transportation, parking garages, water and sewer, communication, and energy generation and distribution. Infrastructure Investment projects may also include planning or feasibility studies relating to a specific capital project or site.

Infrastructure investment projects that are able to provide job commitments will be viewed favorably. It is important, however, to note that (1) few infrastructure investment projects are anticipated to be able to provide job commitments and (2) if the employer will be an entity other than the Applicant, a third party guarantee of the Applicant's job commitment must be provided by the prospective employer and both the prospective employer and the third party guarantor must be found by ESD to be creditworthy.

### **3. Economic Growth Investment:**

An Economic Growth Investment initiative fosters economic growth through cultural activity, higher education activity, regional revolving loan and grant programs, agribusiness initiatives, other local or regional initiatives, planning or feasibility studies relating to a specific capital project or site, improvements to facilities in highly distressed areas, commercial revitalization activities in central business districts or commercial strips, or other types of projects that may not have direct job creation goals. Economic Growth Investment projects that are able to provide direct job commitments will be viewed favorably.

### **FUNDS MAY BE USED FOR:**

- Acquisition of land, buildings, machinery and/or equipment;
- Demolition and environmental remediation;
- New construction, renovation or leasehold improvements;
- Acquisition of furniture and fixtures;
- Soft costs of up to twenty-five percent (25%) of total project costs; and
- Planning and feasibility studies related to a specific capital project or site.

### **INELIGIBLE ACTIVITIES:**

The following types of expenses may be included in budgets but shall not be eligible for reimbursement by grant funds:

- Developer fees;
- Training; and
- Residential development, although program funds may be used for the commercial component of a mixed-use project.

COMMON COUNCIL

JULY 8, 2015

RESOLUTION NO. 99

AN ORDINANCE FREEZING THE COMPENSATION OF THE  
MAYOR AT 2014 LEVELS FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2015.

By Councilor \_\_\_\_\_:

WHEREAS, the compensation of the Mayor of the City of Rome is governed by the provisions of Chapter 2, Division 1, Section 236 of the Rome Code of Ordinances, and

WHEREAS, the Rome City Charter gives the Rome Common Council the power to fix the salary of the Mayor by Ordinance, and

WHEREAS, pursuant to this power, in December of 1973 the Rome Common Council adopted Ordinance No. 3842, codified in the Rome Code of Ordinances at Section 2-236, which Ordinance sets forth a procedure for calculating a cost of living increase for the Mayor's salary, and

WHEREAS, in an effort to control the costs of government on the City of Rome, its taxpayers and employees, Mayor Joseph R. Fusco, Jr., has deemed it advisable to freeze his compensation, at the level established for calendar year 2014, and

WHEREAS, Mayor Joseph R. Fusco, Jr. recommends that Ordinance No. 3842, and codified in the Rome Code of Ordinances at Section 2-236(b), be suspended during 2015, and

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Common Council of the City of Rome, New York that the Rome Code of Ordinances, Chapter 46, Article V, Section 144 be and is hereby amended as follows:

**CHAPTER 46.      PERSONNEL**

**Articles I to IV shall remain as written.**

**Article V.      Employee Benefits**

**Sections. 46-131 to 46-143 shall remain as written.**

**Sec. 46-144. Wages.**

**Subdivisions 46-144(a)-(b) shall remain as written**

(c) The compensation of the Mayor of the City of Rome, New York shall be frozen at [2011] 2014 levels for fiscal year [2012] 2015. This provision shall **be retroactive to January 1, 2015, and shall** expire on December 31, [2012] 2015.

and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the effect of this Ordinance shall expire on December 31, 2015 and thereafter, Rome Code of Ordinances Section 2-236(b) shall be effective.

Seconded by Councilor \_\_\_\_\_.

AYES & NAYS: Trifeletti \_\_\_\_\_ Mortise \_\_\_\_\_ Rogers \_\_\_\_\_ Smith \_\_\_\_\_ Anderson \_\_\_\_\_  
Nash \_\_\_\_\_ DiMarco \_\_\_\_\_

ADOPTED:

DEFEATED:

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RESOLUTION NO. 100

AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO SUBMIT THE 2015  
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG) ANNUAL  
ACTION PLAN TO THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND  
URBAN DEVELOPMENT FOR REVIEW AND APPROVAL

By Councilor \_\_\_\_\_:

WHEREAS, Community Development Block Grant Entitlement funding will be made available to the City of Rome in 2015 upon submission of the Community Development Block Grant Program Annual Action Plan to the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development; and

WHEREAS, public information concerning the amount of funds available for use has been provided to the citizens of Rome; and

WHEREAS, the Common Council and the City of Rome Department of Planning and Community Development have held four (4) public hearings, on September 4, 2014, September 9, 2014, September 23, 2014, and June 18, 2015 to obtain any views and comments the citizens of Rome had concerning said Community Development Block Grant funding and an action plan has been formulated which is more specifically set forth in Exhibit "A", which is attached hereto and made a part hereof; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mayor of the City of Rome is hereby authorized to submit the 2015 Community Development Block Grant Program Annual Action Plan and any and all other necessary documents, to the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development, in order to receive the City of Rome's 2015 Community Development Block Grant Entitlement; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that all funds received under the Community Development Program shall be administered by the City of Rome's Department of Planning and Community Development, pursuant to the Housing and Community Act of 1974, 1980, 1983 and 1988, as amended.

Seconded by Councilor \_\_\_\_\_.

AYES & NAYS: Trifeletti \_\_\_\_ Mortise \_\_\_\_ Rogers \_\_\_\_ Smith \_\_\_\_ Anderson \_\_\_\_  
Nash \_\_\_\_ DiMarco \_\_\_\_

ADOPTED:

DEFEATED:

# 2015 CDBG SPENDING PLAN

ANTICIPATED 2014 CDBG ENTITLEMENT: \$ 906,502

## *Historic Preservation*

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Residential and/or Commercial \$ 54,000

## *Real Property Activities*

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Demolition & Acquisition \$ 70,000

## *Public Facilities*

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Street, Sidewalk & Pedestrian Reconstruction \$ 410,502

## *Public Services*

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\$ 45,000

## *Economic Development*

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Commercial Rehabilitation Program \$ 145,000

## *Program Administration (19.8%)*

General Administration & Overhead \$ 182,000

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**2015 – 2019 Five Year  
Consolidated Plan  
&  
2015 Annual Action Plan**

Submitted by,  
The City of Rome  
May 2015

## **Executive Summary**

### **ES-05 Executive Summary - 24 CFR 91.200(c), 91.220(b)**

#### **1. Introduction**

The purpose of the City of Rome's Five Year 2015-2019 Consolidated Plan is to develop a viable urban community by providing decent housing, a suitable living environment, expanded economic opportunities principally for low and moderate-income persons, and programs that will address the needs of homeless and near homeless persons. The plan sets forth how our HUD grant, the Community Development Block will be used as investment. The plan includes the city's annual action plan and proposed projects to be funded as part of the 2015 CDBG program year for which the city anticipates \$906,502.00 in entitlement and program income funds.

Rome is located in Oneida County and is filled with rich history, exceptional outdoor recreation activities, and safe neighborhoods. Rome has a population of around 33,725 residents occupying 74.76 square miles of land.

Rome has devised a plan aimed at re-tooling our local economy through strategic use of federal funding. Our drafted plan focuses on affordable and energy-efficient housing, modernized infrastructure, job training and small business assistance. We believe that a plan guided by principles will help stabilize our socio-economic environment and provide a solid foundation for prosperity in today's economy.

In reality CDBG represents less than two percent of the City's annual budget. We provide an avenue for neighborhoods and business districts to rebound through infrastructure improvements, energy efficient home rehabilitation, commercial rehabilitation, and crime prevention. CDBG provides the assistance for the families to prosper and ascend the economic ladder through job training, entrepreneur assistance, creative youth programming and affordable housing.



## **2. Summary of the objectives and outcomes identified in the Plan Needs Assessment Overview**

The City's goals for the 2015-2019 planning period focus on continuing neighborhood revitalization efforts, providing affordable housing and assisting low-income, homeless, and special needs residents with supportive services. Specifically, the City will do the following:

### Provide Decent Affordable Housing:

- Assist 100 low to moderate income rental households through rehabilitation
- Add 5 to 10 homeowner housing units for low to moderate income households
- Rehabilitate 50 homeowner housing units for low to moderate income households
- Provide direct financial assistance to 10 low to moderate income homebuyers
- Provide Tenant-based Rental Assistance to 40 low-income households

Create Suitable Living Environments for low to moderate income persons:

To provide increased opportunities for homeownership, and in an effort to fight slum and blight, the City provided CDBG target area incentives that assisted with the conversion of abandoned or substandard, yet savable, multi-family units to single-family units. The City demolished over 200 uninhabitable properties that contributed to neighborhood deterioration and provided funds for enhanced code enforcement assistance in the target area.

- Assist 6,000 persons through Public Facility or Infrastructure activities
- Assist 5,500 persons through Public Service activities
- Assist 250 homeless persons through overnight shelters

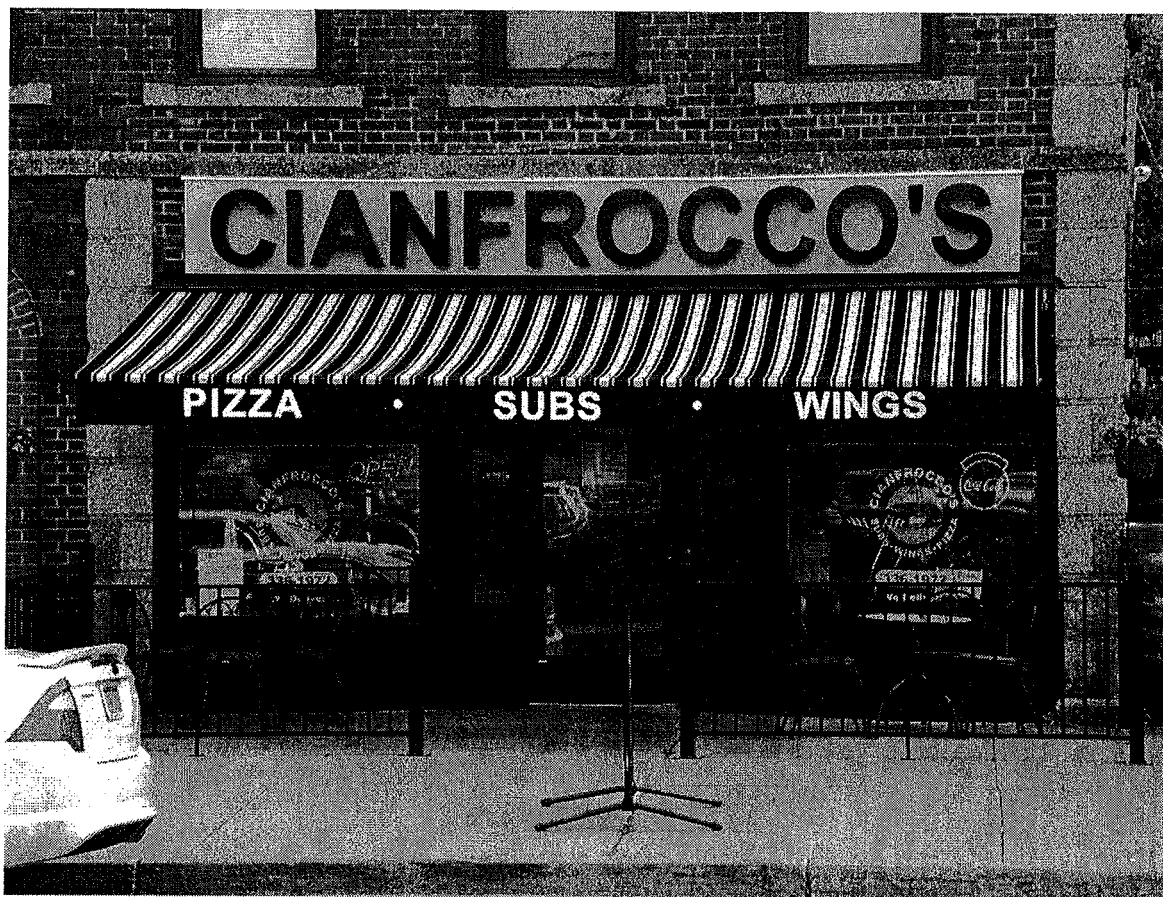
Create Economic Opportunity:

The City provided assistance to residents and businesses with building rehabilitation and historic preservation. TO bring city parks in compliance with national guidelines, the City rehabilitate all parks in the target areas. The City also committed support for rehabilitation of public infrastructure and the revitalization on abandoned sites. The provided opportunities for increase job creation, business development and services to both businesses and residents in the target area.

- Create and/or retain 20 low to moderate income jobs
- Assist 20 businesses (creation/expansion)

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### **3. Evaluation of past performance**

According to the 2013 HUD Monitoring report based upon regulatory compliance with program requirements, there were two findings and once concert contained in the report. The report also found that the City of Rome's community development strategies have focused on revitalizing the highest concentration of low income persons, and on enhancing public access between neighborhoods through the strategic use of public improvements. It was also noted that the City has also been willing to use CDBG funding to provide services to residents of public housing, to homeless, persons/victims of domestic violence, and to elderly residents, providing assistance designed to enhance their ability to remain in their homes. "Taken as a whole, the City's approach is impressive, and to be commended".

### **4. Summary of citizen participation process and consultation process**

- Welcome Hall
- Mohawk Valley Community Action Agency
- Rome Housing Authority
- Rome City School District

- Mohawk Valley EDGE
- Ava Dorfman Center
- South Rome Senior Center
- Oneida County Department of Social Services
- Working Solutions, One Stop Center
- Rome Memorial Hospital
- Rome Police Department
- Mohawk Valley Housing & Homeless Coalition
- Rome Clean & Green
- Rome Chapter American Red Cross
- Rome Family YMCA
- Rome Salvation Army
- Neighborhood Center of Utica, NY, Inc.
- Rome Arts & Community Center
- Office for the Aging
- YWCA
- Griffiss Federal Employee Child Care Group
- City of Utica
- Boys and Girls Club
- Rome Rescue Mission

## **5. Summary of public comments**

Members of the Department of Community and Economic Development heard from many members of the public at our open hearings. Concerns were mostly related to: public service activities for at-risk youth and elderly, increased funding for historic preservation activities, more use of renewable energy to help save the City money, more funding for home and neighborhood revitalization programs, and the need for more economic development activities and job creation for low income persons.

Citizen Comments included:

"Male Resident 1" suggested that we use our CDBG funding to enforce the laws and Code standards of the City. The numbers of absentee and slum landlords has to be brought under control.

"Female Resident 1" of Turin Road suggested that the use of our CDBG funding be used towards Historic Preservation throughout the city. She owns a historic property that she believes should be used for everyone to understand the rich history that lies within the City.

"Female Resident 2" suggested that the use of CDBG funding be used towards a program that helps low to moderate income seniors who need assistance with minimal work that they can no longer be done by themselves. Examples include grocery shopping, mowing the lawn or to help with taking out the trash.

## **6. Summary of comments or views not accepted and the reasons for not accepting them**

All of the comments or views were accepted by the City of Rome. We valued all viewpoints, and will continue to find solutions to all issues whether they are related to CDBG funding or not.

## **7. Summary**

The City of Rome's 2015-2019 Consolidated Plan has been prepared to develop a viable urban community by providing decent housing, a suitable living environment, expanded economic development opportunities principally for low and moderate-income persons, and programs that will address the needs of homeless and near homeless persons. An approved citizen participation plan was used to gather public comments through public meetings and the consultation process provided by additional input. Information gathered from the public, a market analysis, and data provided by HUD was used to identify goals and the activities of the Consolidated Plan.

## The Process

### PR-05 Lead & Responsible Agencies 24 CFR 91.200(b)

#### 1. Describe agency/entity responsible for preparing the Consolidated Plan and those responsible for administration of each grant program and funding source

The following are the agencies/entities responsible for preparing the Consolidated Plan and those responsible for administration of each grant program and funding source.

Agency Role	Name	Department/Agency
CDBG Administrator		Brandon La Roy

Table 1 – Responsible Agencies

#### Narrative

The City of Rome is the recipient of the 2014 Community Development Block Grant. Its responsibilities are to ensure funds are being properly distributed though out the City of Rome's designated target areas. The Department of Community & Economic Development plays an integral role in administering all HUD CDBG funds and programs.

The Department of Community and Economic Development serves as the lead agency for the CDBG program. During the preparation of the plan, the City solicited input from governmental agencies as well as various public and private agencies providing health and social services. The City will continue to form new partnerships with non-profit organizations, and private sector and other local resources. Housing efforts are coordinated through Rome Housing Authority and other services in the related fields. Economic Development activities have been focused on microenterprise businesses.

Jake DiBari, Director, oversees all activities and projects that are being carried out with CDBG funds. He also reviews all project proposals, inquires and recommendations being considered for funding.

Brandon La Roy, Community Development Advisor, is responsible for all program management, proper monitoring and documentation. Each project, proposal, inquiry and recommendation are documented and recorded and reviewed prior to acceptance. Brandon also works within IDIS for programmatic set up and monitoring. Each program is evaluated and monitored by Mr. La Roy, accurately determining the overall need and ensures the program properly corresponds with the Department of Housing and Urban Development guidelines.

Ed Seeling, Community Development Specialists, is principally charged with overssing all financial matters, drawdowns, and financial reporting as it pertains to CDBG.

#### Consolidated Plan Public Contact Information

COMMON COUNCIL

JULY 8, 2015

RESOLUTION NO. 101

AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF ROME TO SUBMIT A CFA GRANT  
APPLICATION FOR \$500,000.00 FOR DESIGN AND CONSTRUCTION OF THE  
PROPOSED INDOOR SPORTS COMPLEX AT JOHN F. KENNEDY CIVIC ARENA  
IN ROME, NEW YORK

By Councilor \_\_\_\_\_.

WHEREAS, the City of Rome is hereby authorized and directed to file an application on behalf of the City of Rome in an amount not to exceed \$500,000.00 to Office of Parks, Recreation & Historic Preservation, for the design and construction of the proposed indoor sports complex at John F. Kennedy Civic Arena, pursuant to the description which is made part of this Resolution; and

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Common Council of the City of Rome, New York, that the Mayor of Rome and his designees are authorized to execute a CFA grant application to Office of Parks, Recreation & Historic Preservation, for the design and construction of the proposed indoor sports complex at John F. Kennedy Civic Arena, and any and all other contracts, documents and instruments necessary to fulfill the City of Rome's obligation under said Grant Application.

Seconded by Councilor \_\_\_\_\_.

AYES & NAYS: Trifeletti \_\_\_\_ Mortise \_\_\_\_ Rogers \_\_\_\_ Smith \_\_\_\_ Anderson \_\_\_\_  
Nash \_\_\_\_ DiMarco \_\_\_\_

ADOPTED:

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**Office of Parks, Recreation & Historic Preservation - Environmental Protection  
Fund Municipal Grant Program**  
**Funding Available: Up to \$16 Million**

**DESCRIPTION:**

Title 9 NYCRR (sections 439.1 – 443.4) implements the Environmental Protection Fund (EPF) Act of 1993 (Title 9 of Article 54 of the Environmental Conservation Law), which created OPRHP's Municipal Grant Program.

Funding is available under the EPF Municipal Grant Program for the acquisition, planning, development, and improvement of parks, historic properties, and heritage areas located within the physical boundaries of the State of New York. Grants can fund up to 50% of total project cost, up to 75% if the project is located in a high-poverty district. Grant awards are capped at \$500,000.

**ELIGIBLE TYPES OF APPLICANTS:**

- Municipalities
- State Agencies
- Public Benefit Corporations
- Public Authorities
- Not-for-profit Corporations that have tax-exempt status under the IRS code, are current with pertinent federal and state filings and have pre-qualified in the Grants Gateway (see <http://www.grantsreform.ny.gov/Grantees>).

The applicant must have an ownership interest in the project property:

- Where the applicant is not the property owner:
  - If the project is for planning only, the application must include a statement from the owner acknowledging the application and granting the applicant any access necessary to complete the project.
  - If the project involves acquisition of the property, the application must include documentation of the owner's intent to sell, donate or transfer the property.
  - If the project involves improvement/development of the property, the owner must agree to sign the project agreement and any long term protection document.
- If there are additional parties with an ownership interest in the property, including lien holders, all parties must agree to sign the project agreement and all lien holders must subordinate their interests to those of the State.

**ELIGIBLE ACTIVITIES / PROGRAM BENEFIT AND LONG TERM PROTECTION REQUIREMENTS:**

Funding under the EPF Municipal Grant program is available for the grant categories and project elements listed below. To ensure the public benefit from the investment of State funds, all grant awards under this program come with long term protections, either through parkland alienation law, conservation easements, or public access or preservation covenants recorded against the deeds.

- **Park Acquisition, Development and Planning Program** - for the acquisition, development and planning of parks and recreational facilities to preserve, rehabilitate or restore lands, waters or structures for park, recreation or conservation purposes and for structural assessments and/or planning for such projects. Examples of eligible projects include: playgrounds, courts, rinks, community gardens, and facilities for swimming, boating, picnicking, hunting, fishing, camping or other recreational activities.
  - Public access covenants will be conveyed to the State for all park development projects undertaken by not-for-profit corporations.

- Conservation easements will be conveyed to the State for parkland acquisition projects undertaken by not-for-profit corporations.
- Parkland acquired or improved by a municipality must remain parkland in perpetuity. Information is available in the "Handbook on the Alienation and Conversion of Municipal Parkland," available at <http://www.nysparks.com/publications/>.
- **Historic Property Acquisition, Preservation and Planning Program** - to improve, protect, preserve, rehabilitate, restore or acquire properties listed on the State or National Register of Historic Places and for structural assessments and/or planning for such projects. All work must conform to the Secretary of the Interior's Standards for the Treatment of Historic Properties.
  - Properties not currently listed, but scheduled for nomination review at the State Board for Historic Preservation meeting of either June 11, 2015, or September 17, 2015, are eligible to apply for funding. Questions about or proposals for listing on the State or National Register should be directed to the OPRHP National Register Unit at (518) 237-8643.
  - Preservation covenants or conservation easements will be conveyed to the State (OPRHP) for all historic property grants.
  - Grant funds cannot be used for constructing contemporary additions on an historic property unless that work will provide universal access and/or eliminate code deficiencies for access/egress, such as an elevator or stair tower.
  - Multi-purpose additions to historic buildings and free-standing new construction on historic properties are not eligible for this grant program.
- **Heritage Areas System Acquisition, Development and Planning Program** - for projects to acquire, preserve, rehabilitate or restore lands, waters or structures identified in the approved management plans for Heritage Areas designated under sections 35.03 and 35.05 of the Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation Law, and for structural assessments or planning for such projects. The designated Heritage Areas with approved Management Plans are listed at <http://www.nysparks.com/grants/heritage-areas/default.aspx>, which also provides links to maps showing exact Heritage Area boundaries.
  - To ensure a public benefit from the investment of state funds, appropriate long-term protections in the form of public-access covenants, preservation covenants or conservation easements will be conveyed to the State (OPRHP) for all Heritage Areas System grants.

#### **ALLOWABLE COSTS:**

All expenditures under these grants must be for goods and services procured in a manner so as to assure the prudent and economical use of public money in the best interests of the taxpayers of the State of New York, to facilitate the acquisition of goods and services of maximum quality at the lowest possible cost under the circumstances, and to guard against nepotism, favoritism, improvidence, extravagance, fraud and corruption. Such procedures may include, but are not limited to, competitive bidding, the solicitation of three price quotes, written requests for proposals, etc.

## Eligible budget items include:

### Pre-Development Planning and Design

- **Design Fees** and other **Professional Fees** are allowed for the preparation of construction documents and to satisfy other pre-construction requirements. **Pre-development** costs must be incurred during the project term or in the three years prior to the application deadline. In general, pre-development costs **should not exceed fifteen percent (15%) of the construction costs**.
- **Archeology** includes field work, report writing, curation of artifacts and interpretation. If your project includes any ground-disturbing activity (e.g., trenching, grading, demolition, new construction, etc.), it is very likely that an archeological survey will be required unless you can provide adequate documentation of prior ground disturbance. Your budget should take into account the need for an archeological survey. Contact your regional grants administrator (RGA) to determine the need and anticipated costs for archeology.
- **Project planning** is eligible for stand-alone funding in all three grant categories. This funding is intended for project-specific planning, such as designs and specifications for rehabilitation of an historic property or structural assessment of a dock for public fishing, not for comprehensive Open Space or Management Plans.

### Construction

- Include only the costs of permanent capital improvements to the property that are directly related to the recreational, conservation, historic preservation, and/or heritage development purposes of the grant program. The budget should be broken down by categories of expenditure, such as utilities/infrastructure, site preparation, landscaping, carpentry, etc.
- The budget may include purchase of permanent equipment necessary to achieve the project purposes (e.g., playground equipment, interpretive kiosks), but cannot include operational or maintenance equipment such as mowers or automotive equipment.
- The budget may include costs to undertake construction, such as rent/lease of heavy equipment, but cannot offset overhead and operating expenses, such as office rental.
- For historic preservation projects on sectarian properties, grant assistance can fund only costs necessary for historically accurate restoration to restore and preserve the historic integrity of the historic property, and only to the extent that those costs exceed the cost of basic restoration.

### Acquisition

- The application must identify each parcel proposed for acquisition, the type of interest to be acquired (fee simple, lease, easement, etc.) and method of acquisition (purchase, donation or transfer from another use), number of acres and estimated fair market value of the parcel(s) documented by a written estimate of value (windshield appraisal) by a qualified appraiser. Acquisition costs must be incurred during the project term or up to one year prior to the application deadline.
- Associated acquisition costs, such as the cost of **appraisals, surveys, title search, legal fees, title insurance (required for this grant)** and, where a conservation easement is required, the cost of **title continuation and recordation** are eligible costs.

ORDINANCE NO. 9015

AUTHORIZING JULY 13, 2015 THROUGH JULY 17, 2015 AS AN AMNESTY  
PERIOD RELATIVE TO THE LATE FEE NORMALLY  
CHARGED FOR DOG LICENSING

By Councilor \_\_\_\_\_:

WHEREAS, Rome City Clerk, Louise S. Glasso, has suggested that July 13, 2015, through July 17, 2015, be designated as an amnesty period whereby the late fee of \$20.00 per dog not licensed within sixty (60) days of expiration of the previous license currently in place in the Rome Code of Ordinances be waived for individuals with out-of-date dog licenses to make their dogs' licenses current; now, therefore,

BE IT ORDAINED, by the Common Council of the City of Rome, New York, that July 13, 2015, through July 17, 2015, be and is whereby declared to be an amnesty period whereby the late fee of \$20.00 per dog not licensed within sixty (60) days of expiration of the previous license currently in place in the Rome Code of Ordinances shall be waived for individuals with out-of-date dog licenses to make their dogs' licenses current.

Seconded by Councilor \_\_\_\_\_.

By Councilor \_\_\_\_\_

RESOLVED, that the unanimous consent of this Common Council be, and the same hereby is given to the consideration of Ordinance No. 9015

Seconded by Councilor \_\_\_\_\_

AYES & NAYS: Trifeletti \_\_\_\_\_ Mortise \_\_\_\_\_ Rogers \_\_\_\_\_ Smith \_\_\_\_\_ Anderson \_\_\_\_\_  
Nash \_\_\_\_\_ DiMarco \_\_\_\_\_

ORDINANCE NO. 9015

AYES & NAYS: Trifeletti \_\_\_\_\_ Mortise \_\_\_\_\_ Rogers \_\_\_\_\_ Smith \_\_\_\_\_ Anderson \_\_\_\_\_  
Nash \_\_\_\_\_ DiMarco \_\_\_\_\_

ADOPTED:

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COMMON COUNCIL

JULY 8, 2015

ORDINANCE NO. 9016

AUTHORIZING THE CLOSING OF A PORTION OF ACE PLACE FROM BLACK RIVER  
BOULEVARD ENTRANCE TO BOUCK STREET ON JULY 24, 2015

By Councilor \_\_\_\_\_:

WHEREAS, Third Ward Councilor, for the City of Rome, New York, Kimberly Rogers, has requested the closing of Ace Place, from the Black River Boulevard Entrance to Bouck Street, from 4:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. on Friday, July 24, 2015, in conjunction with the Honor America Days Kick Off Event; now, therefore,

BE IT ORDAINED, that the Common Council of the City of Rome, New York does hereby authorize the closing of Ace Place, from the Black River Boulevard Entrance to Bouck Street, from 4:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. on Friday, July 24, 2015, in conjunction with the Honor America Days Kick Off Event; and

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that this authorization is contingent upon The Rome Area Chamber of Commerce providing the City of Rome with a certificate of insurance in the amount of \$1,000,000 per occurrence for personal injury or death, and \$1,000,000 for property damage, or blanket coverage in the amount of \$2,000,000, naming the City of Rome as an additional insured, and indemnifying and holding the City of Rome harmless from any and all liability arising out of the closing of Ace Place, from the Black River Boulevard Entrance to Bouck Street, from 4:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. on Friday, July 24, 2015, in conjunction with the Honor America Days Kick Off Event; and

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that the above authorization shall take effect upon placement of the appropriate barriers at each end of the affected area.

Seconded by Councilor \_\_\_\_\_.

By Councilor \_\_\_\_\_

RESOLVED, that the unanimous consent of this Common Council be, and the same hereby is given to the consideration of Ordinance No. 9016

Seconded by Councilor \_\_\_\_\_

AYES & NAYS: Trifeletti \_\_\_\_\_ Mortise \_\_\_\_\_ Rogers \_\_\_\_\_ Smith \_\_\_\_\_ Anderson \_\_\_\_\_  
Nash \_\_\_\_\_ DiMarco \_\_\_\_\_

ORDINANCE NO. 9016

AYES & NAYS: Trifeletti \_\_\_\_\_ Mortise \_\_\_\_\_ Rogers \_\_\_\_\_ Smith \_\_\_\_\_ Anderson \_\_\_\_\_  
Nash \_\_\_\_\_ DiMarco \_\_\_\_\_

ADOPTED:

DEFEATED:

ORDINANCE NO. 9017

AUTHORIZING THE CLOSING OF STREETS FOR THE ANNUAL  
HONOR AMERICA DAYS CELEBRATION ON JULY 25, 2015

By Councilor \_\_\_\_\_:

WHEREAS, the Rome Area Chamber of Commerce has requested the closing of streets within the City of Rome for the annual Honor America Days Celebration to be held on Saturday, July 25, 2015; and

WHEREAS, it is in the best interests of the City of Rome to promote and support this day of celebration and festivity; now, therefore,

BE IT ORDAINED, that the Common Council of the City of Rome, New York, does hereby authorize the closing of the following City streets from 8:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. for the Honor America Days Parade: North James Street from East Chestnut Street to West Embargo Street; West Embargo Street from North James Street to North George Street; North George Street from West Embargo Street to West Dominick Street; and

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that the Common Council of the City of Rome, New York does hereby authorize the closing of the following streets beginning at 8:00 a.m. to accommodate the Roman Runners 5K Road Race: beginning on North James Street adjacent to Berkshire Bank and the parking garage, left onto West Liberty Street, right onto North Washington Street, right onto West Embargo Street, then left onto North James Street to Rome Memorial Hospital, where the runners will turn around, continue south on North James Street, and right onto West Embargo Street, ending at the Reviewing Stand opposite the former Odd Fellows Lodge and VFW Building; and

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that North James Street from Liberty Street to Erie Boulevard West and West Dominick Street from North James Street to the Berkshire Bank parking lot on the north side of West Dominick Street shall be closed on July 25, 2015 (with an alternate rain date of July 26, 2015), from 4:00 p.m. to 10:30 p.m. for the Honor America Days Symphoria Symphony of Syracuse Pops Concert at the Fort Stanwix National Monument; and

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that this authorization is contingent upon the Rome Area Chamber of Commerce providing the City of Rome with a certificate of insurance in the amount of \$1,000,000 per occurrence for bodily injury and death/property damage, or a minimum general aggregate coverage in the amount of \$2,000,000, naming the City of Rome as an additional insured, and indemnifying and holding the City of Rome harmless from any and all liability arising out of the closing of the streets as outlined hereinabove; and

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that the above authorization shall take effect upon placement of the appropriate barriers at each end of the affected areas.

Seconded by Councilor \_\_\_\_\_.  
By Councilor \_\_\_\_\_

RESOLVED, that the unanimous consent of this Common Council be, and the same hereby is given to the consideration of Ordinance No.9017

Seconded by Councilor \_\_\_\_\_

AYES & NAYS: Trifeletti \_\_\_\_\_ Mortise \_\_\_\_\_ Rogers \_\_\_\_\_ Smith \_\_\_\_\_ Anderson \_\_\_\_\_  
Nash \_\_\_\_\_ DiMarco \_\_\_\_\_

ORDINANCE NO. 9017

AYES & NAYS: Trifeletti \_\_\_\_\_ Mortise \_\_\_\_\_ Rogers \_\_\_\_\_ Smith \_\_\_\_\_ Anderson \_\_\_\_\_  
Nash \_\_\_\_\_ DiMarco \_\_\_\_\_

ADOPTED:

DEFEATED:

COMMON COUNCIL

JULY 8, 2015

ORDINANCE NO. 9018

AUTHORIZING THE CLOSING OF A PORTION OF  
WEST DOMINICK STREET & NORTH WASHINGTON STREET ON  
AUGUST 22, 2015

By Councilor \_\_\_\_\_:

WHEREAS, Common Council President, John Mazzaferro, on behalf of the Historical Black Ministerial Alliance, Inc., has requested the closing of a portion of West Dominick Street, between the former Bank of America building and Rome Mall Apartments, and a portion of North Washington Street, between West Dominick to the end of the Bank of America building, on Saturday, August 22, 2015, during the hours of 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m., in conjunction with the "Voices for Christ City-Wide Crusade"; and

WHEREAS, the Historical Black Ministerial Alliance, Inc., has asked that the City of Rome allow for a three-on-three basketball tournament on the closed portion of West Dominick Street and closed portion of North Washington Street, during the Crusade event; now, therefore,

BE IT ORDAINED, that the Common Council of the City of Rome, New York does hereby authorize the closing of a portion of West Dominick Street and a portion of North Washington Street on Saturday, August 22, 2015, during the hours of 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m., in conjunction with the "Voices for Christ City Wide Crusade"; and

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that this authorization is contingent upon the Historical Black Ministerial Alliance Inc. providing the City of Rome with a certificate of insurance in the amount of \$1,000,000.00 per occurrence for bodily injury or death, and \$1,000,000.00 for property damage, or blanket coverage in the amount of \$2,000,000.00, naming the City of Rome as an additional insured and indemnifying and holding the City of Rome harmless from any and all liability arising out of the closing of a portion of West Dominick Street and a portion of North Washington Street as outlined hereinabove; and

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that the above authorization shall take effect upon placement of the appropriate barriers at each end of the affected area.

Seconded by Councilor \_\_\_\_\_.

By Councilor \_\_\_\_\_

RESOLVED, that the unanimous consent of this Common Council be, and the same hereby is given to the consideration of Ordinance No. 9018

Seconded by Councilor\_\_\_\_\_

AYES & NAYS: Trifeletti \_\_\_\_\_Mortise\_\_\_\_Rogers\_\_\_\_Smith\_\_\_\_Anderson\_\_\_\_  
Nash \_\_\_\_ DiMarco\_\_\_\_\_

ORDINANCE NO. 9018

AYES & NAYS: Trifeletti \_\_\_\_\_Mortise\_\_\_\_Rogers\_\_\_\_Smith\_\_\_\_Anderson\_\_\_\_  
Nash \_\_\_\_ DiMarco\_\_\_\_\_

ADOPTED:

DEFEATED:

ORDINANCE NO. 9019

AUTHORIZING AN AMENDMENT TO ROME ZONING CODE  
WITH REGARD TO LIMITED WASTEWATER DISCHARGES

By Councilor \_\_\_\_\_:

WHEREAS, Chapter 74 of the Rome Code of Ordinances sets forth the local laws, rules and regulations pertaining to the City's utility systems and, Article III of Chapter 74 sets forth the local laws, rules and regulations pertaining to the City's sanitary sewer system; and

WHEREAS, the City has performed a headworks analysis at the Wastewater Treatment Plant, which has been approved by the Environmental Protection Agency ("EPA") and identified that certain discharge parameters be modified; and

WHEREAS, Frank D. Tallarino, Jr., Commissioner of Public Works, has recommended that the City modify Rome Code, Chapter 74, Article III, Division 4, to conform the Code to discharge standards deemed appropriate by the EPA and that said modifications are in the City's best interests; now, therefore,

BE IT ORDAINED, that Rome Code of Ordinances, Chapter 74, be and is hereby amended as follows:

**CHAPTER 74. UTILITIES**

**ARTICLES I and II shall remain as written.**

**ARTICLE III.**

**Divisions 1- 4 shall remain as written.**

**Division 5. USE OF PUBLIC SEWERS.**

**Sub-divisions 74-201 -74-205 shall remain as written**

**Sec. 74-206. Limited Water Discharges**

**Secs. 74-206(a)(1) to 74-206(a)(3) shall remain as written.**

(4) Any water or wastes containing metals and similar objectionable or toxic substances that exceed the limits specified as follows:

Parameter	Discharge Limit (mg/l)
Arsenic	[0.10] <u>.22</u>
Cadmium	0.11
Chromium	2.77
Copper	1.30
Cyanide	1.20
Lead	1.10
Mercury	0.2
Nickel	1.90
Silver	0.43
Zinc	2.6

**Subsections 74-206(5)– 74-207 shall remain as written**

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, by the City of Rome Common Council that this Ordinance shall take effect immediately upon approval of this Ordinance.

By Councilor \_\_\_\_\_  
 Seconded by \_\_\_\_\_

RESOLVED, that the unanimous consent of this Common Council be, and the same hereby is given to the consideration of Ordinance No. 9019

Seconded by Councilor \_\_\_\_\_

AYES & NAYS: Trifeletti \_\_\_\_ Mortise \_\_\_\_ Rogers \_\_\_\_ Smith \_\_\_\_ Anderson \_\_\_\_  
 Nash \_\_\_\_ DiMarco \_\_\_\_

ORDINANCE NO. 9019

AYES & NAYS: Trifeletti \_\_\_\_ Mortise \_\_\_\_ Rogers \_\_\_\_ Smith \_\_\_\_ Anderson \_\_\_\_  
Nash \_\_\_\_ DiMarco \_\_\_\_

ADOPTED:

DEFEATED:

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